while single ingredient Vitamins are price decontrolled which may discourage production of irrational combination.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Prices of some products have been re-fixed under the new DPCO, 1987 and the concerned companies have been directed to comply with these. Some cases relating to price fixation under old DPCO are pending in the Bombay High Court.

(f) and (g) Prices of a large number of category-I_I formulations including vitamin preparations have been fixed under DPCO, 1987. Price fixation of formulations is a continuous process.

Post office Buildings in Rural Areas

1401. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Post Offices in the rural areas in India which are housed in pucca buildings owned by Government;

(b) how many of these Post Offices are housed in rented buildings;

(c) whether there is a plan to provide pucca buildings to all the Post Offices in rural areas; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the field units and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise.

Telegraph offices in Andhra Pradesh

1402. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telegraph offices functioning at present in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how many new telegraph offices were established during the last three years;

(c) how many new telegraph offices are likely to be established during the next two years;

(d) what is the average area served by each telegraph office in A.P.; and

(e) how does this compare with the national average?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) 4049 Telegraph Offices are functioning at present in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) 64 new telegraph offices were established during the last three years.

(c) During the next two years, it is planned to open 24 new telegraph offices.

(d) Average area served by each telegraph office in Andhra Pradesh, is 68 square kilometres.

(e) This compares favourably with National average of 90 Sq. Kms. per telegraph office.

Electronics Telephone Exchange at Cuddapah

1403. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICAIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered a proposal for the setting up of an electronic telephone exchange at Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when it is proposed to be started; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No Sir.